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Local and General.

Bain wagons are best for Alberts!

R. McNaughton is putting up a residence on Minto street.

L. W. Donnenworth is building a cottage on Archibald avenue.

For Sale—A new buggy. Apply to Mrs. D. C. Ebersole, Lacombe.

C. R. Bruce is building a new residence on the south Railway street.

Now is the time to get your pictures framed cheap at the Furniture Store.

For that tight cough try Dr. Thomas' Balsam of Spruce and Tar, at Medical Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hoare and children, of Stettler, visited at Mrs. Slater's last week.

The nicest work done by any two furrow plow is that of Massey-Harris Imperial.

Come in and get right prices on furniture carpets and curtains at the Furniture Store.

Everybody says the Massey-Harris binder with floating elevators is best for heavy crops.

The new Adelphi Hotel, Urquhart block, and Day block, are all making good progress.

Mayor Gourlay has moved into his new residence, corner York street and Edmonton trail.

The cement blocks are now being laid on C. R. Denike's new store building, next to the furniture store.

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Auger & Shute now have their dental parlors established upstairs in the Peardon Block, just over their old location.

Ered Lister, the new police constable, went on duty Monday. May his police be less thorny than that of his immediate predecessor.

W. Crow's family have arranged to go out to Gull Lake this week for their summer outing. They have secured a cottage at Brownlow's Landing.

Last Saturday J. H. Rose was thrown from his seat on the wagon reach and seriously injured while driving over the rough road on the way to his homestead. The wheels passed over him, breaking several ribs and otherwise bruising him.

The ladies aid of the Methodist church will hold a lawn social Tuesday evening August 27th on H. M. Trimble's lawn. The Lacombe band will be in attendance and a good program is being prepared. Ice cream, cake and coffee will be served. Everybody come and have a good time.

Mr. Gus Redel, of Spruceville district, sent a sample box of tunc strawberries to The Advertiser office last Friday. The berries were raised on his farm and were very fine big berries. The evidence of the adaptability of the Lacombe district to strawberry raising on a commercial scale is very convincing.

Last week Harvey French met with a serious accident. He was driving one of Murphy three teams out to Spring Valley to get a load of lumber and was riding on a bag of oats on the wagon reach. A hard jolt caught him unawares and he was thrown under the wheels sustaining a badly injured ankle and severe bruises on the head.

Mr. J. Stuart, the Watrous Engine Company's expert, was here Monday and Tuesday, putting a battery attachment on the fire engine, and otherwise putting it in shape. Tuesday evening Chief Kent called the Brigade out for practice, to test the engine while Mr. Stuart was here. The engine has been in bad shape for some time past, in fact ever since it was used to pump the race track pond dry just before the famous race meeting in June. In the opinion of The Advertiser the battery attachment will add to the efficiency of the engine, and the town council is to be commended for making this improvement in our fire fighting apparatus.

THE TOWN MEETING.

Pursuant to the provisions of the platform of the Citizen's Reform League, a meeting was held in Day's hall on last Friday evening for the purpose of discussing municipal matters. There was a large attendance, which was as it should be.

Mayor Gourlay presided, and in well chosen words briefly stated the purpose of the meeting.

Councillor Simpson, chairman of the finance committee, explained some of the financial difficulties under which this year's council is compelled to try to do business. He called attention to the deficit of some \$4,000 passed down to this council by last year's council, also to the debt of some \$8,000 owed to the school district by the town, which also came down as a legacy from last year's council. He explained how these matters had been handled by this year's council up to this time. He told how much money would be needed to pay principal and interest on debentures, and how much it has been estimated would be required for current expenses of the year. His address showed that he had gone thoroughly into the matter of the town's finances.

Councillor Vickerson, chairman of the public works committee, made a statement of public improvements already completed and under way, and mentioned other work the council had in contemplation. His statement shows that there has been no call for the howl that has been going up from a few chronic kickers, and directed at the department over which he presides. He showed that his committee has been conscientiously doing the best that could be done under existing circumstances.

Dr. Sharpe, the health officer of the town, gave a very valuable address relative to matters in his department. He demonstrated that the town's sanitary condition was being well looked after this year. He showed how necessary a good scavenging system is to the health of our citizens, and how a lack of proper scavenging must of necessity affect the water in our wells. He spoke a good word in particular for our present town scavenger, giving the very efficient public servant the credit that is due him.

W. F. Puffer, M. P. P. was called out by the Mayor and gave a short address, mentioning some of the difficulties that always have and always will beset the enforcement of any town or city scavenging regulations.

Upon Councillor Skinner, chairman of the bylaw, relief and health committee, devolved the task of defending the much abused health bylaw and scavenging regulations. He considered the bylaw a good one and was in no way ashamed of it. He also answered the charges so frequently and forcibly flung at him by our contemporary with reference to the number of bylaws enacted by this council, and made it clear that most of them were required by ordinance. He went into the scavenging system to considerable length, this being made necessary by the violent criticism to which the system has

been subjected. He believed the system the most equitable that has been devised, and that every citizen who had the interests of the town at heart would use his best endeavors for its enforcement. He stated that so far as he was personally concerned he had no intention of resorting to extreme measures in collection of the scavenger fees, but he believed every public spirited citizen would be willing to pay up for the good of the town and for the value thus received. He also showed the falsity of the statement that has been made to the effect that none of the bylaws are enforced. He read the Reform League platform and left it to his hearers to say whether or not this council is living up to the pledges made therein.

The audience was given an opportunity to ask questions at the close of addresses, and several availed themselves of the privilege.

As we stated in our opening paragraph, this meeting was held in conformity with one of the planks in the platform of the Reform League, on which platform this council was elected. We believe the people are satisfied with the working of this provision. We believe it does them good to get together and consider matters of general importance, and it is certainly in fair play due the members of the council that they should have a public opportunity to defend themselves against some of the criticism to which they have been subjected. We believe the meeting will be productive of good.

Births.

Ritz—At Lacombe, on Saturday, August 10, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Ritz, twin daughters.

Frear—At Chesham, on Friday, August 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Frear, a son.

Switzer—At Lakeside, on Monday, August 12, to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Switzer a daughter.

Capital:
\$3,000,000.
Assets:
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These are made of best quality leather soles. They are cool for hot weather wear and can be had in any size.

Men's tan colored Blucher bals, Geo. A. Slater make, reg.	\$4.75 for	3.75
Ladies' kid buskins, any size, a good one	-	1.15
Ladies' one strap slippers, any size	-	1.25
Ladies' solid comfort slippers, extra quality, any size	-	1.75
Ladies' tan Blucher bals, McReady make, regular	\$3.25 for	2.50
Ladies' tan Oxfords, the Doris shoe, regular	\$4.50 for	3.50

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MRS. G. G. MOBLEY



W. N. U. No. 643

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1907.

Working of the New Postal Regulation.

Editor Advertiser: In a recent issue of the Western Globe appeared an article by "Onlooker" criticizing my article on the new Postal Regulations. Onlooker defends these regulations solely on the fact that the Postal Department is run at a loss and the Government is trying to decrease the deficit. He does not explain why the American settlers are saddled with all the expense of this penny-unsaving. He does not explain how the reducing of the newspaper rates on British publications conduces to the reduction of the deficit, he merely tells us that the government had no sinister designs against the American settlers because it has been spending money freely to promote immigration from the States. He sees clearly the inconsistency of thus enticing immigrants into the country and then playing them for guys after they are here.

Since my first communication was written, we have been able to see the practical working of the new regulations. I have seen numerous letters from the publishers in the states saying it would be impossible to continue sending their papers unless the increased postage was added to the subscription price. This postage amounts from 50 per cent to 200 per cent of the subscription charge. I am taking a daily paper from the States, the subscription price postage paid was \$1.50 per year, the additional charge for postage now is \$3.00 per year, making the cost under the new regulations \$4.50.

We do not deny that the post office department is carried on at a loss. Only in one year in one hundred has the postal revenues of the United States equaled the expenditures, but the deficit was made up from the general fund—the money of the whole people—so there was no kick because no injustice had been done.

"Onlooker" does not deny my statement that the American settlers in Canada pay their full proportion of the revenue and other taxes which go to make up the deficit in the postal revenues. I am glad to note that the paper in which his communication appears does not agree with his view of the matter, but denounces the new regulations which it says is meant to prohibit American papers from coming in.

I notice in the Edmonton Bulletin that a Post Office Inspector had found at the Edmonton post office a package of papers on which the postage under the new regulations was over \$1.00 and under the old regulations the postage would have been less than \$1.00 and the Inspector concludes that the law is working all right. He does not see that the \$3.00 extra postage on this package of papers does not go into the treasury of Canada but into that of the United States. He does not note that the post-office department of Canada carried this package of papers at just the same rate that it

did before nor does he consider that a number of American settlers paid this extra tax on these papers, which tax Canada did not get, just because they happened to be Americans.

The assertion of "Onlooker" that the Sunday law is all right is another. Since the agitation against the law began we have learned that it had to be fought to a finish in England forty or fifty years ago, and the fanatics who failed there had to look for some other government soft and easy enough to back them up in their nefarious scheme of forcing the consciences of their neighbors. But "Onlooker" consoles himself with the thought that we will all be good Liberals when the next election comes around. It is this presumption which has time and again wrecked parties and statesmen. The idea that a party can be absurdly inconsistent in its laws or administration, can violate its promises as it pleases, and still whip in its supporters at the polls, has been fast losing ground in the past few years. The great mass of new settlers in these new Provinces are not married to any party; a majority of them have believed that the Liberal party and its principles would best serve their interests and promote the development of our resources, but when our Liberal, M. P. from this district voted against the reduction of the duty on agricultural implements, which would have been of benefit to the great masses of our settlers and which was directly in line with the declared policy of the Liberal party, we may feel that we have been sold out and that the octopus gets in his work without any regard to the party name. It is all wrong Mr. Editor, and the insinuation that we can not help ourselves but will have to take all the wrongs and insults that may be flung at us because we would be no better off in the other party, is but adding insult to injury.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

August 'Canadian Pictorial'.

The midsummer spirit pervades the August 'Canadian Pictorial'. The outdoor life is pictured in many of its varying phases. The cover is a scene of young fellows fishing that makes a 'brain-fagged' worker sigh for streams that he has heard about. There is, too, a page of fishing scenes in the lakes of Northern Ontario, where the black bass run four and five pound. Then there's yachting and camping and wading and diving, and a picture of one of the fashionable seaside resorts of the Lower St. Lawrence. But it is not all play. There are two haymaking scenes, taken on an Ontario farm, showing the toilers going out in the morning, and building the last load in the evening. There are curious things, such as one of the oldest trees in England, and the skilful way in which Italian cavalry officers ride. Then come the new pictures, of which the chief are those illustrating the national welcome home that Sir Wilfrid Laurier received, and the catastrophe at London, Ont., in which eight lives were lost. Current events on the other side of the water are not overlooked. The distinguished Canadian of the month is the recently knighted Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; and in the Woman's Department there is a fine picture of Lady Clark, also articles on 'The Outdoor Life', 'Summer Shopping', 'Fruit Preserving', as well as timely fashion pictures. Ten cents a copy, one dollar a year. The 'Pictorial' Publishing Co., 142 St. Peter street, Montreal.

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Our many readers are well aware that The Advertiser is one of the leading country weeklies of Alberta, but all may not be so well acquainted with the Montreal Herald. Following are some of the features contained in one of the Herald's regular issues of the current year, and this is a fair sample of the average excellence of the paper:

Growing Times in the West—glimpses of the Canadian west.

History of England during the Last Half Century.

Serial Story—"The King of Diamonds."

Short stories by the world's greatest writers—

"This Animal of a Buldy Jones," by F. Norris.

"A Pass for the Theatre," by Ramsay Colles.

"A Strip of Red gingham."

Past and Present: Far and Near—A collection of interesting articles on many subjects.

"Sunday at Home" Department—good interesting reading matter for Sunday.

Families Famous in English History.

The week's news told in brief and interesting form.

Dominion news in brief.

Christie Carew's page for women.

Agricultural Department—Useful information for the farmer.

Market Reports carefully compiled from the leading Canadian grain and produce markets.

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We are not selling International Harvester Co.'s goods this season,
But

"Driving Pirates from the sea is not all there is of commerce.

Keep your eye on the crowd and follow up, you'll come to the headquarters of The Western Implement Co., where is sold the famous

Monitor Drill--the highest type of man's genius wrought in steel

Why is "The BEST always the CHEAPEST"?

Because it pays the largest dividend on the amount invested.

Action in the field decides generalship.

After your milking is done in the morning don't make the little daughter of twelve or fifteen *miss school* by staying at home to turn that old cream separator. What is a few dollars invested in *value received* compared with the comfort derived from giving your children an education? Remember *life is fleeting*.

Buy a Separator that runs by steam--The Famous Sharples Turbine.

You can see one running in our office. It can be turned into a feed cooker as well.

Farmers, get into and stay into the dairy business. Your cream checks are better to pay your bills with than giving your note, and more easily *obtained* than *paying* your note.

Don't give up the farm. Far better to content yourself there than move into Lacombe where there are so many By-Laws to contend with--webs woven by the brains of the votaries of learning.

We are closing out some Canton brush breaking plows at cost. Also Rock Island gang stubble plows. See us for bargains in all lines, from the Port Huron threshing machinery to a wheelbarrow, buggies, wagons, John Deere plows, Frost & Wood binders and mowers, and the *Shontz Ideal Giant Mower*,—do not buy till you see it.

Western Implement Co.

Jas. McVay, Mgr.

Lacombe, Alta.

Local and General.

Mrs. Dr. Cogland, of Wyoming, Ontario, visited at W. L. Elliott's last week.

J. G. Pratt has sold his grocery, fruit store and ice cream parlors to Fletcher Switzer, who will continue the business at the old stand.

The Masonic picnic is to be held at Gull Lake on Friday, August 10. All members and visitors with their families are invited to attend.

"A Pair of Country Kids" company numbers fifteen people and presents during the play ten up-to-date specialties and musical numbers.

C. B. Halpin's sister, Mrs. Joe. Moffat, of Vancouver, and niece Miss Ena Halpin of Fort Alexander, Manitoba, arrived today for a visit.

J. Pye, of Dayton, Washington, visited his sisters Mrs. W. L. Elliott and the Misses Pye this week.

The Bluesone picnic, which will be held in Calgary on August 21, will be a great reunion of the people of the maritime provinces who have come west.

The rural comedy drama "A Pair of Country Kids" with a first class company, will be at the opera house, Lacombe, next Monday, for one night only.

W. Crow is building a cottage on Cornwell street, which he has rented to be occupied as soon as finished. He is also building another cottage on the corner of Archibald avenue and Park street which he has sold to Samuel Fletcher.

One of the best dramatic offerings in the coming autumn will be a magnificent production of a famous play under the management of Clifford Lane Bruce. Having had such a lengthy experience in the theatrical requirements of the West, Mr. Bruce feels confident that this forthcoming presentation will be the success of the season, besides giving Canadians an opportunity to witness a drama which otherwise would not reach them for many seasons. Miss Helene Scott, for four years leading lady with Harold Nelson, has been specially engaged for this tour, while the other principals of the company are now being selected in New York. No return dates will be played as the management is negotiating for an Australian tour to begin shortly after Xmas. Name of play will be announced later.

"A Pair of Country Kids."

The next attraction at the opera house Lacombe, is the new rural comedy success, "A Pair of Country Kids" and is pronounced by all since its opening performance one of the best country comedies of the day, and one of the sure signs that it is all that is claimed for it is the fact that it has been and continues one of the greatest successes of the season. The excellent company carried by the manager, Mr. C. Jay Smith, have helped to bring this company among the leading attractions of the day.

R. H. S. Bourne Badly Injured.
From the Armstrong, B. C. Advertiser of August 9 we copy the following article in reference to a bad accident that happened to R. H. S. Bourne, formerly of Lacombe.

On Friday morning, whilst Mr. R. Bourne was returning with a team and democrat from the power house on Darwin Creek, one of the horses, badly stung by borstie, kicked over the tongue starting its mate, and both ran away. Mr. Bourne hung on to them until the democrat struck a stump, throwing him out. In some way he became entangled in the lines and was dragged a considerable distance. Contractor Daniels who was on his way to the water works dam, found Mr. Bourne in bad condition. He was quickly brought into town and Dr. VanKleeck called in. Mr. Bourne's injuries are very serious, three of his ribs being broken away from the backbone and his liver and lungs being injured and torn; everything possible is being done for him and hopes are entertained of his recovery. What makes the accident extremely regrettable is that Mr. Bourne has within the past two years undergone three operations on his kidneys, and was just getting nicely on his feet. Ill luck has pursued him for a great many years, and his friends (who are the whole community) sincerely hope that he will recover from this last misfortune and that it will be the last of his troubles.

Rev. Mr. Fernie, of Cascade, father of Mrs. H. G. Bolt and Mrs. R. Bourne, arrived by yesterday's train.

Mr. Bourne is, we regret to say, in a very serious condition. The last two nights have been very severe on him, and the doctor has been in constant attendance.

Cyclonic Storm in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—The central portions of Manitoba, including Winnipeg, were visited by a cyclonic storm on Saturday which old residents say was the worst they have experienced for 25 years. In this city it reached its zenith about 8.30 p. m. and for almost an hour torrents of rain fell accompanied by volley-like precipitations of hail and almost continuous lightning which terrified delivery horses and caused numerous runaways. The noise of the storm created much alarm among residents which was considerably augmented by the crash of nearby windows demolished by the hail. Many windows were smashed and several conservatories and photo galleries are out of business temporarily. Birds were killed by the hail. Rain, however, did more actual damage, as sewers were quite inadequate to carry away water which backed up into cellars. Many of the stores and warehouses suffered heavily. The Western Canada Milling Co. had five thousand dollars worth of flour destroyed in their warehouse, and others suffered proportionately.

A few miles south of here, at St. Norbert, the storm assumed cyclonic proportions. Two miles of the G. N. W. lines were blown down. The telephone system was crippled, the school was overturned, and the church was picked up bodily and deposited on the other side of the road. Several dwellings also suffered some damage.

New Ontario was also visited by the disturbance. It started at

Fort William at two o'clock Saturday afternoon and did not cease until four on Sunday morning. A Fort William man, while walking home from the freight yards at six o'clock into the city with two companions was killed by lightning. His companions were stunned but have since recovered. There was also much damage to buildings. Several short sections of the Canadian Northern railway between Fort Frances and Port Arthur, were washed out. The trains were held in consequence until the track could be repaired.

Chinamen Charged With Murder.

A poisoning case which resulted in the death of at least one person, and the serious illness of several others, occurred at Regina at the end of last week.

It seems that W. J. Steele arrived recently from Ontario, and resided the house just off South Highway street on Lorrie. There he started a restaurant and called it The Capital. Mack Sing and Charles Mack had the B. C. restaurant in the corner building, and the two rivals in business were apparently quite good personal friends. But it is presumed that the two Celestials harbored a grudge against the Ontario man because he had cut prices and had taken some of their custom away, and if the police theory is the correct one, the Chinamen laid a deep plot for the breaking up of the business of Steele, and getting revenge.

The Chinaman Mack Sing went over to Steele the other day and borrowed a quart of rolled oats. Steele readily loaned the food, but investigations of the police show that the Chinaman did not need the rolled oats at all. He had recently purchased a bag of the same food, and it was found in the kitchen only partly consumed. It is this circumstance that leads Chief Harwood and his men to the opinion that the crime was premeditated.

Early in the morning before breakfast

the Chinaman returned the rolled oats which he had borrowed, and Mr. Steele, who acts as cook at the restaurant, used them in the preparation of the porridge for the morning meal. It was this food that resulted in poisoning of the guests and the proprietor's wife.

Drs. Thompson and Meek were immediately called in, and gave first aid to the poisoned men. They also confiscated the balance of the porridge and nailed it up securely as an exhibit. This has since been submitted to Dr. Charlton, provincial bacteriologist, and it is said that his analysis shows the food to contain very large quantities of arsenic, more than sufficient, in fact, to cause death.

Chief Haywood placed Mack Sing under arrest on the charge of having contaminated with poison the food.

Mack Sing was questioned by the Chief on the subject of poisoning, and the Chinaman stated that the bag of rolled oats was sitting in the corner when his partner washed the floor, and he assumed that the food was poisoned while there. The girl who worked in the place says that the floor has not been washed in weeks.

The other Chinaman, Charlie Mack, has completely disappeared. A description of the man was wired by the mounted police to all likely points, and men were also sent out in various directions to prosecute a vigorous search for the fugitive. Nothing has yet been heard of him.

One of the poisoned men has since died at the Victoria hospital, and the charge against the suspected Chinaman now resolves itself into one of murder. One or two of the other victims are in a serious condition, and grave fears are entertained for their recovery.

An extremely bitter feeling now prevails in the city against Chinamen as the result of the tragic affair. One of the city hotels is reported to have discharged two of its Chinese cooks.

Estray.

Came to my place N. E. ¼ of 34-35-36-37-4, one strawberry roan horse branded NH on left shoulder, a split near tip of left ear.

R. E. JONSTON.

Hospital Fund.

Lacombe, Aug. 15.	
Mrs. F. L. Smith	\$1.00
Mrs. T. Sinclair	1.00
Mrs. G. Vickers	1.00
	\$3.00
Total of Aug 8	\$861.85
Total cash on hand	\$864.85
Amount paid for hospital etc.	\$11.50
Total contributions to date	\$1176.35

Opera House, Lacombe.

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